

# Mapping

# Modules Roadmap:

## You Are Here

NIEM Overview

IEPD Concepts

How NIEM uses XML (pt. 1)

How NIEM uses XML (pt. 2)

Business Skills

Exchange Content Modeling



**Mapping**

Subsets

Extension and Exchange  
Schemas

Packaging and Distribution

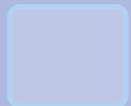
Implementation  
Considerations

# Objectives Roadmap

This module supports the following course objective:



Describe what NIEM is.



Describe what an IEPD is.



Comprehend artifacts included in an IEPD.



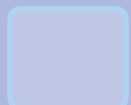
**Develop artifacts included in an IEPD.**



Package an IEPD.



Understand advanced XML concepts, as required by NIEM.

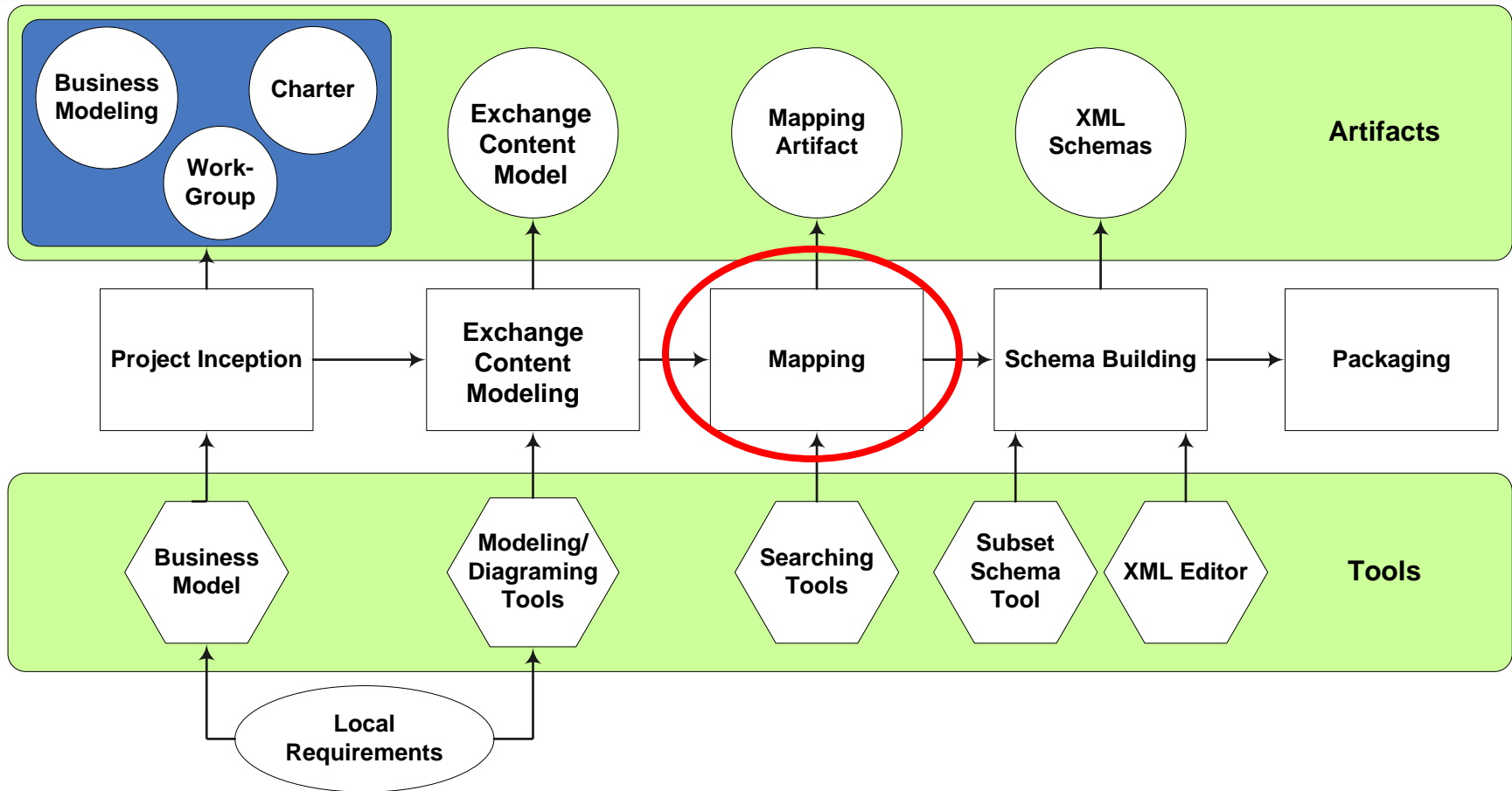


Recognize business skills required to successfully participate in an IEPD development project.

# Module Objectives

- After completing this module, you should be able to:
  - ◆ Describe what mapping is.
  - ◆ Explain the role of mapping.
  - ◆ Recognize various mapping scenarios.
  - ◆ Create mapping artifacts.
  - ◆ Be able to map business objects to NIEM.

# Where are we now?



# What is Mapping?

- Mapping is the process of determining how your business needs map to NIEM.
- Each concept in the exchange model is mapped to objects in NIEM.
- Mapping is specific to an exchange.

# Why Map?

- Acts as a guide for implementers:
  - ◆ Determines which elements in NIEM match your business objects.
  - ◆ Identifies which elements are missing from NIEM.
  - ◆ Helps determine the structure of your exchange.

# Relates to UML *(1 of 3)*

- UML classes map to NIEM complex objects
- UML attributes map to simple NIEM objects that represent data
- UML generalizations map to NIEM type derivations
  - ◆ SSGT handles generalizations in NIEM itself
  - ◆ When extending, extend/generalize from existing NIEM types where appropriate



# Relates to UML (2 of 3)

- UML compositions map to NIEM inclusion.
  - ◆ NIEM uses global declarations.
  - ◆ Thus it can't capture the concept that classes cannot exist on their own.
- UML aggregations map to NIEM associations or inclusion.
  - ◆ NIEM is somewhat inconsistent.

# Relates to UML (3 of 3)

- UML associations map to NIEM associations and roles.
  - ◆ Occasionally to inclusion.
- UML association classes map to NIEM associations.
- UML cardinality maps to XML schema.
  - ◆ Via minOccurs and maxOccurs.
  - ◆ Applied in a constraint schema.

# Mapping “Golden Rule”

- Map concepts in your exchange model to NIEM concepts that are semantically equivalent.
- Don’t map to an element that’s “close enough”
  - ◆ Harder for others to understand what you meant.
  - ◆ Harder for you to understand, later on.
  - ◆ Invites corruption of data integrity over time.

# How We Document

- Simple spreadsheet
- Everyone can use a spreadsheet
- Component Mapping Template
  - ◆ Available from [niem.gov](http://niem.gov)
- New standardized methods of documentation are under development

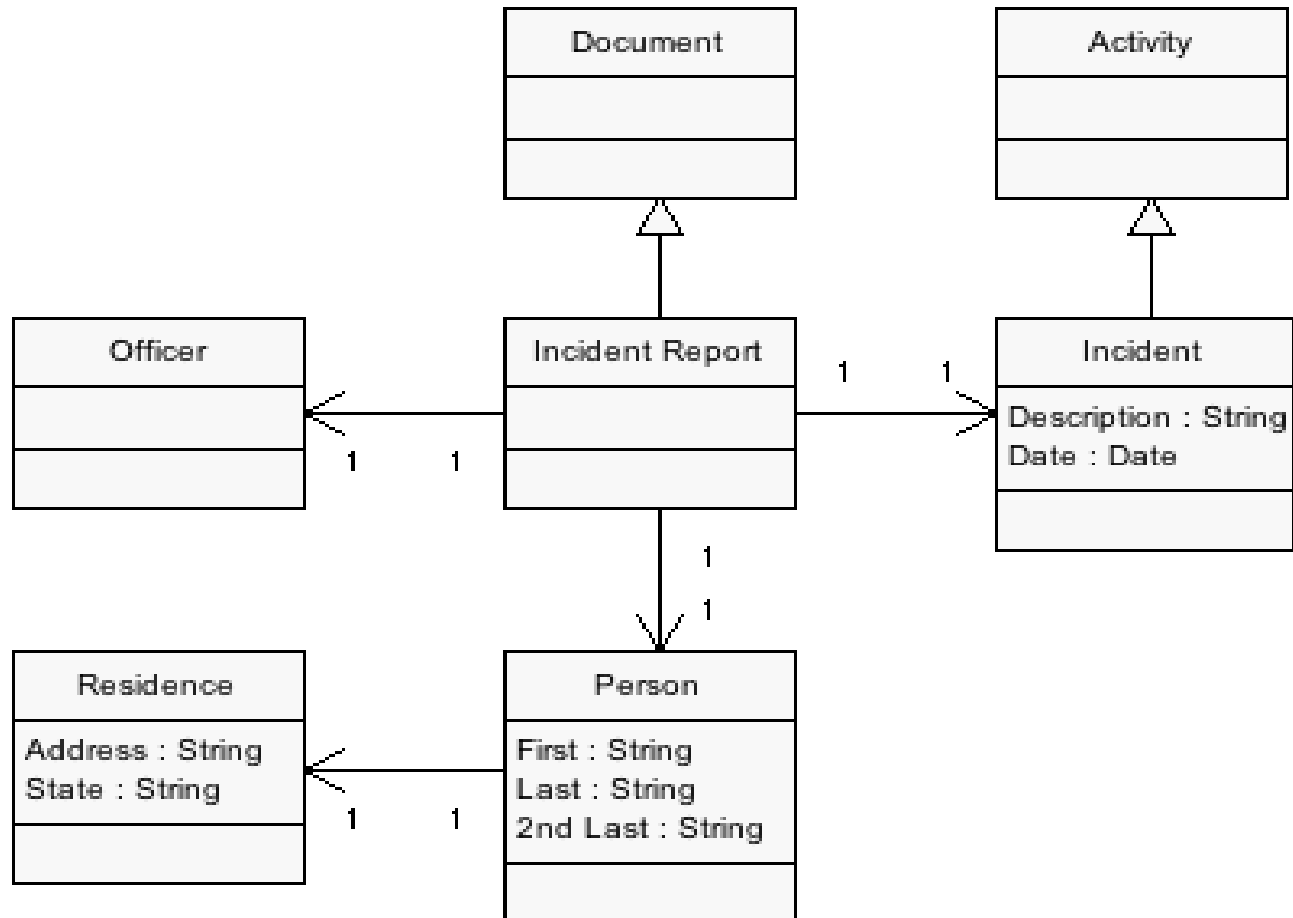
# Example Spreadsheet

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Person			nc:Person	nc:Person	
Person	First Name		nc:PersonGivenName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonGivenName	
Person	Last Name		nc:PersonSurName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonSurName	

# Methodology

- Top-down
  - ◆ Start with the “root” concept, then work your way down to smaller concepts.
- Bottom-up
  - ◆ Start with the simplest concepts (data types) and then collect them together, working up.
- Hybrid
  - ◆ Start with large concepts, like people and locations, then work down, then group together.

# Walkthrough



# Define Root

- Defines the top-level container
- Is usually derived from **nc:DocumentType**

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Incident Report		E	local-ns:Incident Report	/local-ns:Incident Report	Extends nc:Document Type


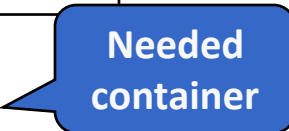


# Easy Matches *(1 of 2)*

- Many things match easily:
  - ◆ Common objects like people and places
    - Person = nc:Person
    - First Name = nc:PersonGivenName
    - Last Name = nc:PersonSurName
- Even easy matches may have a more complicated structure.

# Easy Matches (2 of 2)

- Don't miss structural pieces

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Person			nc:Person	nc:Person	
Person	First Name		nc:PersonGivenName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonGivenName	
Person	Last Name		nc:PersonSurName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonSurName	

# Difficult Matches

- Some matches are difficult
  - ◆ May use different terminology
    - Police Officer = j:EnforcementOfficial
  - ◆ May be more than one match
    - Residence = Location?
    - Or is there something better, like nc:ResidenceAssociation?
  - ◆ May be multiple options
    - Many different State tables
  - ◆ May be contextual
    - Incident Date = nc:ActivityDate, in the context of an Incident

# No Match *(1 of 2)*

- Some things just aren't in NIEM.
  - ◆ May be local in nature, inappropriate for a national model.
    - Local code tables
  - ◆ May have just been missed.
    - Missing concepts should be communicated back to the NIEM community for possible inclusion in future updates of the model.

# No Match *(2 of 2)*

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Person			nc:Person	nc:Person	
Person	First Name		nc:PersonGivenName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonGivenName	
Person	Last Name		nc:PersonSurName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/ nc:PersonSurName	
Person	Secondary Last Name	E	local-ns:Secondary SurName	nc:Person/ nc:PersonName/local-ns:Secondary SurName	of nc: Person Name Text Type

New element

# Dealing With Cascades *(1 of 2)*

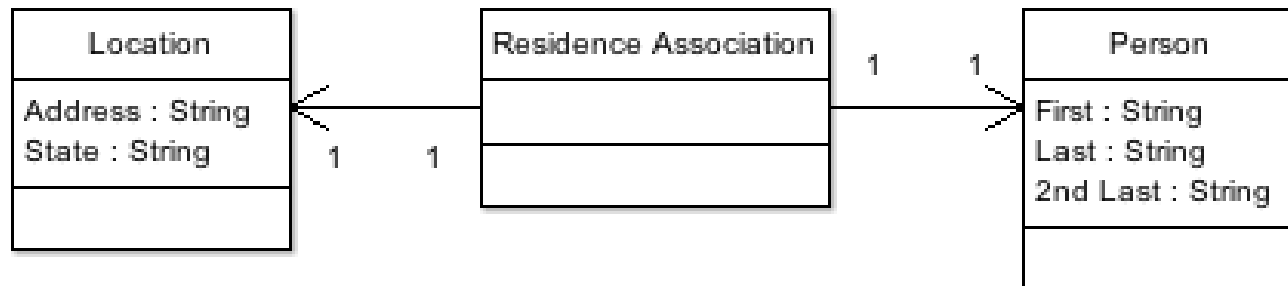
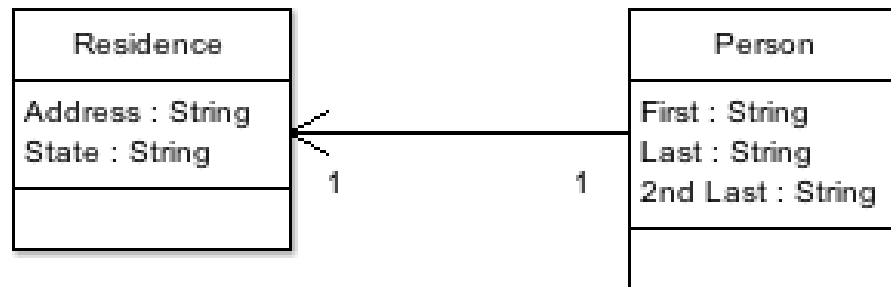
- If using Concrete Type Extension, must deal with cascading extensions.
- Container for the new element must also be extended to include it.
- Container for the container must be extended to include the container.
- And so on up to the root.

# Dealing With Cascades (2 of 2)

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Person		E	local-ns:Person	local-ns:Person	Extended to hold Person Name
Person	First Name		nc:PersonGivenName	local-ns:Person/ local-ns:PersonName/ nc:PersonGivenName	New containers
Person	Last Name		nc:PersonSurName	local-ns:Person/ local-ns:PersonName/ nc:PersonSurName	New containers
Person	Secondary Last Name	E	local-ns:Secondary SurName	local-ns:Person/ local-ns:PersonName/ local-ns:Secondary SurName	of nc: Person Name Text Type

# Associations and Roles (1 of 2)

- Multiple ways to show associations/roles





# Associations and Roles *(2 of 2)*

Business Class	Business Attribute	Ext?	NIEM Element	IEP Path	Notes
Residence			nc:Residence Association	nc:ResidenceAssociation	
Residence	Ref to the Location		nc:LocationReference	nc:ResidenceAssociation /nc:LocationReference	Points to an ID
Residence	Ref to the Person		nc:PersonReference	nc:ResidenceAssociation /nc:PersonReference	Points to an ID
Location			nc:Location	nc:Location	Has an ID

# Case Study

## NIEM Practical Implementer's Course

# Case Study

- Exchange Content Model Mapping Exercise
  - ◆ Use the template ExchangeModelMapping-Citation.xls in the Templates folder



Exchange Model  
Mapping Template

# Case Study Solution

- Exchange Model Mapping Exercise Solution



Exchange Model  
Mapping Solution

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